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DEAR SANTA – Grade 1 and 2 students from Ross Ford Elementary happily drop off their letters to Santa at the Didsbury Review. Letters will be printed as part of the annual Didsbury Christmas Greetings publication before being mailed to the North Pole.

Haskett pleads not guilty

Lawyer 98 per cent certain accused will testify in trial

BY DAN SINGLETON
AND JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

Daniel Charles Haskett pleaded not guilty Monday to charges of animal cruelty.

A trial date is set for May 23 in Didsbury Provincial Court.

Following the hearing, his lawyer, Mark Takada, said at the end of the day a judge will have to decide if he's guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

"There are two sides to every story," said Takada.

"Eventually the two sides will come out in court."

He said he's "98 per cent certain" his client will testify during the trial.

A second hearing for the youth co-accused in the case took place Thursday, but was postponed until Jan. 18 when he is expected to enter a plea.

Following court, local lawyer Brian Forstell, who is representing the youth,

said he had no comment as to how he plans to proceed with the case.

Since news first broke of the incident that led to the death of a lab-collie cross named Daisy Duke back in October,

"I would have really liked it to have been over today."

DREW MARCETON
arrested in protest

Haskett has received numerous harrasing phone calls.

Takada said his client is "perplexed about the public reaction to the case."

Once again, Monday saw a crowd of media inside and outside the small courthouse.

In a twist of irony, Drew Marceton, the lone man arrested during a protest outside the courthouse last month, appeared on the same docket as Haskett Monday, to

answer a charge of mischief.

His case was pushed back to give the Crown a chance to review it.

"I would have really liked it to have been over today," he said following the appearance.

Marceton said he applied to become a member of the RCMP but he received a letter last week saying his application had been rejected.

The letter didn't give a reason for the rejection, but Marceton phoned them and they told him this criminal charge is why.

Marceton maintains he never intended to cause trouble that morning outside court.

"I just completely snapped," he said.

"It's something I regret and I'm ashamed of."

Marceton will be back in court Dec. 20 for plea.

He's not alone in his anger over the death of Daisy Duke.

A petition initiated by local dog groomer Tamara Chaney to push for stiffer penal-

ties for animal abuse has, to date, garnered more than 45,000 signatures.

"I'm overwhelmed by the signature support shown," said Chaney.

Chaney and her many "Stop Animal Cruelty" team members have expanded their campaign by introducing bumper stickers in support of their cause.

All funds raised will go to A.C.C.E., a local non-profit organization that collects food, toys, blankets, etc., for animals.

The bumper stickers will be made available soon and will sell for \$5 each. Inquiries can be made via email to orca-girl77@yahoo.ca.

Last week, the Review reported that Chaney's Fort MacLeod leader was donating all funds raised from her bracelet campaign to help offset costs Chaney has incurred over the last two months.

Chaney has since asked Saranna Arthur-Erickson to forward the money to an animal organization that could better benefit from her kindness.

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Water Valley man killed in Didsbury crash

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Review

A single-vehicle rollover west of Didsbury on Dec. 6 has left a Water Valley father of two young girls dead and two other men injured.

Troy Leslie Edgecombe, 37, was the driver of a pick-up that rolled on paved-township road 31.3, about one kilometre west of Highway 766, shortly after 3 a.m. He died at the scene.

Two other adult male occupants in the vehicle, who have not been named, were taken to Didsbury hospital, where they were treated for minor injuries and later released.

Speed and alcohol were believed to be factors in the crash, said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer.

Edgecombe and his wife Tara have two girls, Kyra, 7, and Jace, 4.

Originally from Quebec, Edgecombe was a mechanic by trade. The family has lived just outside the Hamlet of Water Valley for about two years.

"He was eager and willing to help friend, family or the community in need."

BRIAN GANCHETT
Edgecombe family spokesperson.

"He was eager and willing to help friend, family or the community in need," said Brian Ganchett, Edgecombe's father-in-law and family spokesperson.

"He was quick to play a fun practical joke on unsuspecting friends. Troy was talented at a vast array of skills and used them successfully both in his work and in his family life."

"He was always involved in a myriad of projects."

"He was Mr. Fix-it, fixing cars and building and very inventive. He could always figure something out. He was very skilful mechanically. He will be sadly missed by his friends and family and all those who knew and loved him."

A memorial service will be held, but a time and place have not yet been set, he said.

The investigation by Didsbury RCMP and the Calgary Medical Examiner's office is continuing.

Photo of Troy and Tara Edgecombe, courtesy of Edgecombe family.



Norovirus creating staffing shortages at hospital

BY LEA SMALDON
For the Review

Health officials are urging precautionary measures be taken this week after a rash of Norovirus cases has created a staffing shortage at the Sundre hospital and Care Centre.

The facility has seen a recent increase in the number of people visiting the hospital with symptoms associated with gastrointestinal illness due to Norovirus, say health officials.

As the virus can be easily passed through close contact with an infected person, many staff are falling ill which has led to staffing difficulties in several areas at the hospital.

In many of these cases, getting rest and drinking plenty of fluids is the best way to recover, say health officials.

The virus generally causes only minor illness but it can be debilitating for the very young, the very old or those with weakened immune systems.

Health officials say precautions you can take to help avoid getting and spreading

the virus include:

- Always washing your hands after using the bathroom, after providing care to an ill person, after handling soiled laundry, and before handling food. Washing your hands breaks the chain of transmission.
- Anyone who has suffered vomiting and/or has diarrhea should avoid the following activities until the symptoms are over: attending schools or child care facilities; or, visiting friends and relatives in seniors' residences, continuing care facilities or hospitals, and preparing food for others.

Norovirus is a viral infection that occurs throughout the year, but is more common in the winter months.

Symptoms include vomiting and/or diarrhea, and may also include muscle aches and low-grade fever. Although unpleasant, symptoms usually last only 24 to 48 hours and require no special treatment.

For health advice and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call Health Link Alberta toll-free at 1-866-408-LINK.

Dollars and sense

Mountain View Regional Emergency Services makes tough budget calls

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

Mountain View Regional
Emergency Services' 2007

budget was just released and already its creating an "uproar" amongst some municipal and county councillors.

Didsbury Town councillor Stan Neufeld says he's "troubled by the whole process."

Expenses underlined in this new budget came in twice as high as last year's and Neufeld isn't sure they're justified.

"Why all of a sudden?" he asked his fellow councillors during last Tuesday's regular council meeting.

"What's to stop this from doubling next year? Nothing. Absolutely nothing."

funding is not being included as a part of that figure, so the total requisition amount is \$42.79, with municipalities responsible for the full \$23.79.

Didsbury councillor Brian Wittal, who sits on the Mountain View Regional Emergency Services Commission, said the increases are justified, and well overdue.

"We're at that point where we're going to hit the wall, that if we don't grow to meet that expense

Thain said the fact is that people want the same quality service they've been getting, and the Commission wants to, and is responsible to, provide it.

Some of the increased costs are reflected in a plan to improve EMS access, through a new station, and three new ambulance units, which will mitigate code red occurrences in the region.

In November alone, there were 16 code reds, meaning no ambulances were

not yet finalized, Thain said the move is bound to have financial implications to the service as a whole.

Thain said the decision to enter into a collective agreement was a staff driven initiative.

"I think wages were a major factor," he said.

"We pay our EMTs \$12-15 an hour and the city pays between \$21 and \$25 an hour."

And competing with even higher paying industries, like oil and gas, is becoming increasingly difficult.

In listening to reaction from councillors, Thain said he's concerned that EMS is going to be suddenly seen as a cash heavy service, when that's not what it is at all.

"I understand that there's quite an uproar right now about the driver on our funding," he said.

But he maintains that the numbers were arrived at after much scrutinization.

"This was a very difficult budget for the board to go through because we had to make some very hard decisions to move forward."

Wittal said the budget just makes good sense.

"At the end of the day, when we looked at it on a per capita basis, we're paying more to get our garbage moved than to have our ambulance service operating," he said.

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BRIAN WITTAL
Didsbury Town councillor

As council works out its own budget, Neufeld said issues like this are what will likely lead to increased taxes for Didsbury residents in 2007.

Despite his concerns, council has no choice but to pay the money MVRES is requisitioning them for.

The requisition comes in at \$23.79 per capita, the same as last year.

But last year, that was offset by provincial funding, so municipalities were only actually paying \$3.81 per capita.

This year, provincial

we're going to have ourselves a real issue," he said.

MVRES Executive Director Nick Thain agreed.

He said the number of calls the organization receives annually has nearly doubled since 2001.

"In that time there has been no change to the service delivery model. No addition of ambulances, no addition of staff, nothing," he said.

"So we have, in essence, doubled our volume without adding any resources to offset that."

available because they were all out on calls already.

Wittal said that has to change.

"It's continually pushing great risk," he said.

"Do you want to be the one who has a heart attack when we have a code red and we have to go to outlying areas to get an ambulance to come in?"

The other key factor in the increased budget is that MVRES is entering into a union agreement for the first time.

While negotiations are



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BALANCED BUDGET - Nick Thain, executive director Mountain View Regional Ambulance Services, says the commission's 2007 budget was deliberated over, and scrutinized, to make sure it was the best for everyone involved.



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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Slow down



There must be a direct correlation between snowfall and clouding of the brain, because it never seems to fail that as soon as winter weather hits, a whole lot of people suddenly forget how to drive.

There are the infamous monster-truck-rally-wannabes in their 4x4s who fly past traffic thinking they're indestructible.

Some end up in the ditch, all those cars they passed getting ahead.

Some put other cars in the ditch.

Then there are the overgrown kids who can't get over bumper cars even though they're too tall to ride the ride.

They leave just inches between your bumper and theirs. When you speed up, they speed up.

When they finally get an opening, they gun it to pass and then slow down again in front of you.

They get to a light and break too late, sliding into the intersection.

All of these people converge at the mall and, for some very strange reason, decide then to put safety first.

They take up two stalls, being careful not to get too close to other vehicles, and leaving a pile of people circling the block to find an empty space.

Some of those parking hazards also leave their engines running while they spend three hours inside.

It's maddening.

But even the best drivers can find themselves making mistakes. Police know this all too well.

When the weather warms up from -30 C to -2 C, the roads can actually become more slick because the snow is sticking instead of blowing across, creating black ice.

Everyone needs to SLOW DOWN. It's that simple.

Jodi Styner

PONDERINGS OF THE HEART

'Showing Love'

BY MARGARET FRADLEY

Recently I read what I call "a gem" for my memory bank, and I quote: "When we are encouraged by someone or shown love to, it is like pulling the drapes away from the window of our heart and letting the sunlight of God's love shine in."

As I pondered these words, I thought it was such a wonderful way of expressing just how much encouragement and love mean to us and how important they are to our well-being.

It takes only minutes to phone, write to, or in these days, email, but we never know how our words might affect another just when they need it.

There are times people cross our minds, sometimes people we haven't thought about in years, and I feel there is reason for this, and that this is the time we need to touch base with them.

This is something we can all do, being part of one another's lives, and just wanting to be there for each other. Have a great day!



AT THE KITCHEN TABLE



BY NOREEN OLSON
For the Review

There were seven of us growing up and there was never much money so I suppose Christmas was a stressful time for Mom and Dad, but I don't remember in any way feeling deprived.

All the kids had a gift or two and as the three oldest grew up and went to work the four younger ones got better and better presents. Even Mom and Dad finally got some nice gifts.

Our stocking bulged with oranges, apples, walnuts and candy, there was a fresh smelling if rather sparsely decorated tree, and of course there was Christmas Dinner.

Christmas dinner was a

major event and in my memory we always had company. One of mom's sisters and her family, a couple of neighbourhood bachelors and sometimes a person or a family that we didn't know. Dad seemed to have a knack for finding people "down on their luck" and Mom always prepared lots of food.

We raised our own turkeys, several the folks gave away as Christmas gifts to the aunts and uncles and the one Mom cooked for our dinner was so enormous it hardly fit into her WearEver aluminium roaster.

The cellar was full of potatoes, so a great bowl of mashed potatoes was easy to do; turnips, also from the cellar, were mashed with brown sugar and butter, we always had quarts of canned corn, saved especially for the occasion, and lots of variety in the pickle department: beets, cucumbers, relish, high bush cranberry jelly, quarts of gravy, heaps of stuffing, homemade

buns.

I don't remember salad but Dad was big on coleslaw so coleslaw may well have been on the menu. And then there was the pudding. The pudding was made weeks ahead, packed into quart jars and steamed in the canner for two and one half hours. It was made from grated carrots and potatoes, suet (later margarine) sugar, flour, raisins, currants, peel, mixed fruit and spices. The pudding was heavy, dark and rich and smelled marvellous. It was served with a heavenly caramel sauce made from butter, brown sugar, flour and water and maybe if it was available a dollop of rum or brandy. The pudding was Mom's piece de resistance; she was very proud of it, she put a lot of love and skill and hard work into its accomplishment and most of her children still make it from her recipe. I add red cherries to my version because I like the added colour, but it's still Mom's pudding

recipe and when my sister and I made it this week we could feel her with us in the kitchen. I start mine in the microwave before putting it to steam and so I only have to boil the pots for one hour and Mom probably wouldn't approve, but the pudding does not seem to suffer for the shortcut.

Tradition is the glue that binds us together. (Pierre Berton) Tradition connects us to the past and to one another, our traditions, our stories and our memories define our culture, shape our beliefs and make us what we are.

I know that at this time of year we all have too much to do and not enough time to do it in but this is your yearly opportunity to really connect with the extended family, to go the extra mile, stretch the budget, make some great memories, and offer something extra in food, love and charity.

Don't miss your chance.

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Didsbury woman awarded for college achievement

Didsbury's Sarah Code has recently been awarded the Haskayne Entrance Scholarship, worth \$4,000, to help her continue her studies in the business program at Mount Royal College in Calgary.

"Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to focus solely on my studies instead of worrying about a job to make sure my schooling is paid for," said Code.

"This means that I'll be able to excel in my studies and I won't have to go into debt just to be able to finish my degree."

The Haskayne School of Business Entrance Scholarship is awarded to a first-year student who demonstrates academic excellence.

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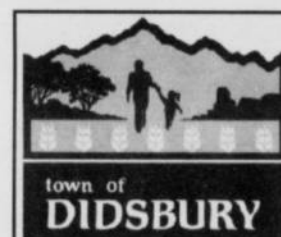
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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, December 19, 2006 Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. (January 12, 2007)

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006 — Council Chambers 4:30 pm

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday, December 11, 2006 - Council Chambers, 10:00 am

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE BYLAW 2006-18

Was passed at the December 5th Council Meeting

"Off-highway vehicle" means any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice or marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes when specifically designed for such travel.

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Go Girl! Program – This program is a self-esteem, peer-building program for girls aged 8-14 years old. It is held for six consecutive Wednesdays from 3:30-5 pm at Didsbury Neighborhood Place. The successful applicant would be very creative, energetic, reliable and enjoy working with pre-teen/early teen girls.

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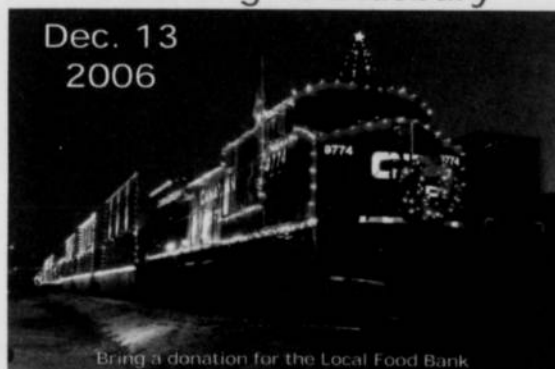
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A CHRISTMAS ANGEL — Christel Foster is one of many Christmas angels who is participating in the Didsbury Christmas Helpers and will buy a gift for someone in need. Angels are available at Didsbury Bakery and Victoria's Square Mall. Just take an angel off the tree, buy a gift and return it to the post office unwrapped.

Random Acts of Kindness Week Help thy neighbour

Local angels Linda Regner and Linda Sirr have done their part to help people in the community through their Christmas Helpers campaign and now they're asking you to step up and join them in your own way.

It's simple, shovel someone's sidewalk for them, buy a cup of coffee for the person behind you in line at the coffee shop, or send a nice note

to someone who needs a spiritual lift.

This week, get out and commit a random act of kindness.

Linda Sirr writes:

For the last 25 years, Linda Regner and I have coordinated the annual Christmas Helpers food and gifts program for the town of Didsbury and the surrounding area.

We were both raised here, graduated from the High School, married and raised our children in Didsbury. We both enjoy and appreciate our town.

We decided to see if we could increase the scope of the Spirit of Giving to include all individuals in our area, not just those families or individuals who for one reason or another find themselves in need of help financially at this time of year. This is the birth of a new idea.

For the week of Dec. 12 to Dec. 21, we are encouraging ALL to take up the challenge to do random acts of kindness to the people we come in contact with.

Enjoy the week saying thank you in simple ways to your neighbours.

We can all do our part to make this Christmas brighter

and happier.

You see, it doesn't take money to change the course of a day. It is something more valuable — time.

Look around you, step out of your comfort zone. There is a world out there that needs to see and feel that you care.

Together we can change Didsbury to be an even more caring community.

Finish the week by joining the many people who have made the annual Gift Wrapping at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church a part of their Christmas.

All are welcome. It starts at 7:00 p.m.

Direct all questions, gifts and contributions to the church at 335-3629.

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NOTICE FOR OBJECTIONS

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
APPLICATION NO. 1489840
ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES
APPLICATION NO. 1489847

Take Notice that the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the EUB) may continue to process these applications without further notice if no valid objections are received on or before **December 28, 2006**.

Nature of the Applications

An application has been filed with the EUB by the Town of Didsbury (the Town) for approval to renew its natural gas distribution franchise agreement (the Agreement) with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO Gas). The Agreement gives ATCO Gas the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of the Town for 10 years.

The Agreement has been based on a standard natural gas franchise agreement commonly used in the province. Some of the noteworthy changes from the current agreement include a change in responsibility for utility relocation costs caused by municipal purposes, provision of extra services, options for purchase of the distribution system by the municipality, and provisions respecting third party use of the distribution system. The Agreement also requires ATCO Gas to pay the Town municipal taxes as well as a franchise fee for use of municipal rights of way. Previously ATCO Gas only paid a franchise fee in lieu of municipal taxes. ATCO Gas has applied to the EUB for approval to revise its delivery rates so that the franchise fee and municipal taxes included in the Agreement can be recovered from retailers providing service to customers within the Town of Didsbury. ATCO Gas bills retailers for its delivery charges and these would include the franchise fee and municipal taxes. Retailers bill customers for all charges of ATCO Gas in addition to their energy charges. The franchise fee is required to be billed as a separate charge on gas billings. The revised franchise fee and the municipal taxes paid to the Town would also be recovered as a separate utility charge on customer billings within the Town of Didsbury. Between the years 2000 and 2005 the fee, on average, has accounted for about \$56.75 of the yearly bill of an average residential sales customer, and in 2005 the fee accounted for about \$74.00 of the yearly bill.

The franchise fee provided in the proposed agreement would initially be set at 20 per cent of the non-gas components of customers' bills, which are the fixed charge and variable charge on residential bills. The combination of the municipal taxes and franchise fee changes would increase the yearly billing of an average residential customer in the Town by about \$3.75 from the amount paid in 2005. An average residential customer uses about 135 GJ annually. Customers should contact ATCO Gas if they would like more specific details regarding how this change will affect their bill. The Agreement allows the Town to change the level of the franchise fee at its own discretion on an annual basis, without any further review by the EUB. However the Agreement does not allow the Town to impose a franchise fee above 35 per cent, so the Town would not be allowed to increase the level from the level of the initial fee.

Additional Information

To obtain additional information or a copy of the applications, contact:

The Town of Didsbury
PO Box 790
Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0
Attention: Mr. Roy Brown, Chief Administrative Officer
Telephone: (403) 335-3391, Fax: (403) 335-9794
- or -

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
500 Crowfoot Crescent
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Attention: Mr. Bruce Little, Manager Bow Valley Operation
Telephone: (403) 245-7352, Fax: (403) 245-7731

For information about EUB procedures, contact Kevin Schultz of the Utilities Branch at the number listed below.

The application is available on IAR Query through the EUB website at www.eub.gov.ab.ca. IAR Query is available through the "Quick Links", by choosing "IAR". Search for application number 1489840.

To File a Submission

If you have a valid interest and want to make a submission, intervention or objection please state in writing your reasons for objection to the applications. Send one copy of your objection to the Town at the address above, and a copy to eub.utl@gov.ab.ca, referencing application 1489840. If you do not have access to email you can send your objection to:

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Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
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Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2Y2
Telephone (780) 427-9360, Fax: (780) 427-6970, Email: kevin.schultz@eub.ca
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Flipping the light switch

Volatile electricity market begs action

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

When Alberta runs out of electricity in 2010 an old-fashioned candlelight Christmas could make a comeback.

According to Larry Sirman, director of energy for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), a growing population, coal plants unexpectedly going down and no new ones on the books, make this a very real scenario.

"We're heading for a pretty tight situation," he said.

And consumers can expect a looming shortage to hit them in the pocket-book.

Many have already been hit.

"The peaks have always been there, but they've never been this high," said Sirman.

"It's starting to concern everyone, if you're going to have to start paying \$0.17-\$0.20 per kilowatt hour."

Under legislation the peaks max out at \$1,000 and it reached that maximum several times in October.

"They've started hitting levels we've never seen before," said Sirman.

"Volatility has just been horrendous in the last few months."

Sirman expects the shortage to rear its ugly

head by 2008.

The first contributing factor is population growth.

It jumped from the three or four per cent growth

"That graph can't look like that in 2010. The province couldn't continue to function, so something will be done, it's how costly will that something be?"

LARRY SIRMAN
AUMA

experienced in recent years, up to five per cent this year, and Sirmans said a slowdown isn't expected anytime soon.

The second contributing

factor is simply a lack of generation.

No big power plants are scheduled to come online until 2010, and even then, it

when they didn't get the return they were expecting, they jumped back off the bandwagon.

"They'll start coming again, but we're going to be lagging for a few years," he said.

Sirman said something is going to have to be done, undoubtedly, to prevent a complete shutdown by 2010.

"You ration supply to price, you increase generation, you can build co-generation plants that are typically smaller and can come onstream in about a year," he said.

"That graph can't look like that in 2010. The province couldn't continue

to function, so something will be done, it's how costly will that something be?"

To mitigate costs right now, as trends continue to push prices upward, Sirman is encouraging municipalities like Didsbury to be proactive in preparation for an unstable market.

One thing he suggests is locking into an aggregation program that will stabilize prices over a five-year period.

Town councillor Brian Wittal agreed that the province is going to have to find a way to generate more power to meet the demand "or else".

He anticipates a surge in biofuel projects if the government implements a biofuel strategy.

The problem he sees is one of manpower.

"Talking to engineering firms down in the States and up here, they're pretty well maxed in their ability to develop these things," he said.

Gas could go the way of electricity, though Sirman said there aren't enough predictors to tell.

"They're usually trended to track each other but gas prices are going down and electricity prices are going up," he said.

"This is a real phenomenon."

As far as electricity is concerned, the beautiful lights we enjoy in December could be short-lived if something isn't done soon.



Jodi Styner/Didsbury Review

LIGHTS OUT - The lovely Christmas lights we so enjoy could become a thing of the past if Alberta doesn't find a way to generate more electricity - quick.

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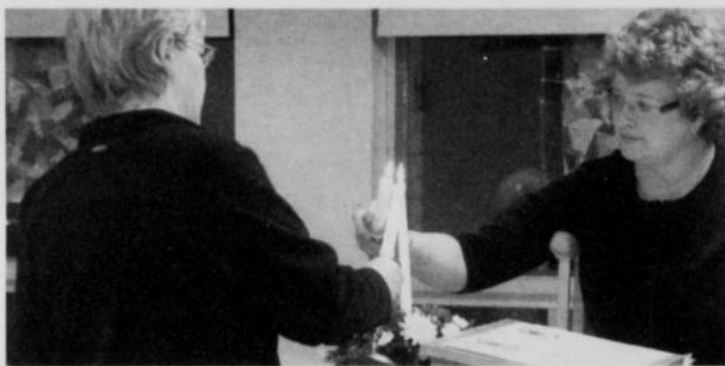
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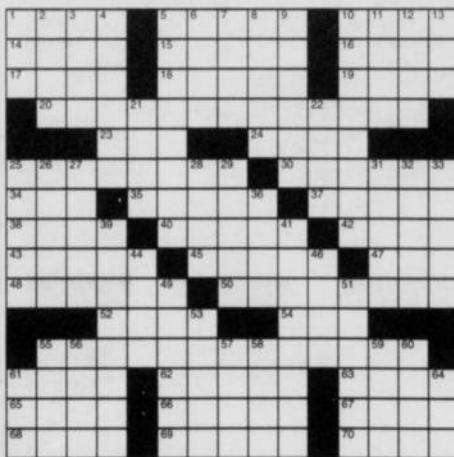
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Indian ritual drink
5. An involuntary muscular contraction
10. Taxis
14. A flashy blackmarketeer (British)
15. A country in the West Indies
16. Olive genus
17. Teens Against Tobacco Use
18. Month
19. Cleanse with soap and water
20. Wedlock
23. Raw material for maple syrup
24. Oceans
25. A type of begonia
30. Irish county
34. SW Indian tribe
35. Polish river
37. Immature insect stage
38. Outdated Italian money
40. More lucid

CLUES DOWN

1. Concorde
2. Moonfish
3. Myth (Spanish)
4. Forcibly separate or detach
5. Cleanses your hair
6. Dad
7. ___ ight - impermeable
8. Mixes
9. Setting
10. Very large
11. ___ Ladd, actor
12. A flock of quail
13. 1856 Tuscaloosa fraternity
21. Narration or tale
22. A path set aside for walking
25. Oklahoma city
26. Useful
27. Part of Bombay state
28. Western American state
29. A Spanish title of respect
31. Conifers or deciduous
32. Keep away from
33. Flat water conveyances
36. King Bolete (French)
39. Makes lively
41. Set free as from prison or duty
44. Commands right
46. A vessel's mechanical steering device
49. Sarcasm
51. Friends (Spanish)
53. Having a hemispherical roof
55. Card game
56. Employee stock ownership plan (abbr.)
57. Called up
58. Acting on one's own initiative
59. Ryukyu Islands city (Japan)
60. Emerald Isle
61. Internet banking transaction
64. A feather scarf

*Solution in next week's
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Roadside hazard ahead

Workers in danger of speeding cars

BY JENNIFER WILSON
For the Review

Roadside workers along the QE II corridor are putting themselves in danger every day, says an area tow truck driver.

Despite laws to the contrary, people are not slowing down on the highway when they see a stopped vehicle.

"It's always been dangerous," said Duane Grover, a driver for First Choice Towing Services in Innisfail.

"The problem is, 10 per cent of the drivers will slow down like they're supposed to but the other 90 per cent don't. I'm hanging my butt over the line every day saving all these guys lives."

In October 2005, laws went into effect requiring drivers to slow down to 60 km/h while in the lane next to a stopped vehicle or accident. But despite lots of advertising in newspapers and on television about the new laws,

Grover said drivers aren't getting the message.

"The only time we ever have people really slow down is when every emergency crew in town is out and then they have to block a lane of traffic," he said. "If there's red and blue lights, they'll slow down every time. If there's orange flashing lights, like our tow trucks have, people don't even bother. It's a real problem."

Cst. Doug Dewar, of Innisfail Freeway Patrol, which covers the entire county area, agrees that many drivers don't slow down when they should.

RCMP are investigating after a tractor trailer side-swiped a tow truck on QE II the evening of Dec. 3. The tow truck was stopped three km south of Red Deer when a dark-coloured tractor trailer heading north with two long, white trailers came close enough to knock a mirror off. The tow truck's emergency equipment had

been activated.

"There's no courtesy," said Dewar.

"If you're not going to stop, no one thinks to move over to leave the lane open."

"The only time we ever have people really slow down is when every emergency crew in town is out and then they have to block a lane of traffic."

DUANE GROVER
First Choice Towing,
Innisfail

While Grover has never been hit while on the side of the road, he has had some close calls. Last week he was on a call when he almost got in the

middle of a collision.

"I'm out there, I'm getting ready to hop out of my truck and I hear a car skating down the highway," he said. "It plows in the ditch, right in front of me."

Dewar stressed that people need to drive with more awareness and pay attention to what's going on down the road. He said if drivers see lights flashing, they need to know that something is happening and react before they reach the scene.

Grover said one thing they do for safety is bring multiple trucks to the scene. They were able to do that a few nights ago, but they don't always have the resources to do so.

"To make it safe for the guy who's pulling (cars) out, we were using two trucks to pull people out. I was sitting back 500 meters and my other driver was pulling stuff ahead. And even with two drivers, people weren't slowing down."

He believes that some drivers may think they only have to reduce their speed for police or ambulance. He's been a driver for four years and said the situation hasn't changed.

"The new law they have in doesn't help us tow truck drivers much. If I had red and blue lights on my tow truck, people would slow down."

Anyone with information on the Dec. 3 collision is asked to call Innisfail RCMP at 227-3342.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

DANGER ZONE — Rosco, a tow truck driver for RES-Q Towing, hooks up a vehicle on the side of one of Canada's busiest highways the QEII, north of Bowden. The car was involved in a collision when the driver lost control on icy roads during Wednesday's evening rush hour. "It's crazy dangerous," said Rosco, as he battled the icy conditions, viscous winds, and freezing temperatures. Even with the proper emergency lights alerting motorists of his presence he does not feel safe.

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Claude Baril - 335-3842

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SPORTS

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HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES – Dale Ulry celebrates a victory against his wife Karen during the games tournament at the Didsbury Minor Hockey Pub Night and Silent Auction, Friday.

Jodi Styner/Didsbury Review

Friday night Didsbury Minor Hockey Association Mouse Races were a huge success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event. An event such as this does not come together without a lot of work and support.

Thank you to the event organizers Bonnie Youngs and Jen Robertson. DMHA would also like to thank all their teams for supporting their volunteer time and for the silent auction support.

Didsbury Minor Hockey action continued on Saturday as teams were playing both at home and away. The Didsbury Novice team travelled to Trochu to face Kneehill. Didsbury trailed Kneehill throughout most of the game by one or two points. The game was tied 4-4 with three minutes left in the game and in the last minute of play Didsbury's James Whidden scored the winning goal. Didsbury Novice faced Olds #4 on Sunday. Despite Karson Dussault's best efforts as goaltender, Olds finished the game with a strong win.

Didsbury Tykes #1 hosted the Olds Tornadoes Tykes on Sunday December 10. This game would prove to be a closely contested match with action going back and forth. The score after one period was 4-4. Didsbury goal scorers were, Hunter Nelson, Erran Thompson and Jett Laveck. The second period saw Olds go up by two goals only to see Didsbury storm back and take the lead going into the final period 8-7. Goal scorers were, Erran Thompson, Koby Brander, Hunter Nelson and Jett Laveck. The final period saw Didsbury pull ahead and take control with five goals. The final score was Didsbury 13 - Olds 9. Goal scorers in the 3rd period were Erran Thompson, Brett Coates, and Hunter Nelson. Assists in the game went to Corson Waiting, Taylor Gingell, Brodie Dunn, Jamie Coates and Jordan Mierke. Didsbury now sits at five wins and zero losses in League play and eight wins, one loss and one tie overall.

The Didsbury Tyke #2 team's scheduled game was cancelled and so they played a game against the parents. No score was reported.

Next weekend's home games include Tyke #1 against Chestemere on Saturday at 12:30. Come out and cheer on the stars of the future!

No luck in Vegas for O'Neill

Didsbury cowboy's injury plagued season comes to an end

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

It just wasn't his week, or year for that matter.

Didsbury's Glen O'Neill had to pull himself out of the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas last week due to injuries, just a month after he was forced to medical out of the Canadian Finals rodeo in Edmonton.

The 2002 world saddlebronc champion came into the competition nursing a knee injury and then hurt his left foot coming off a horse during round seven of the NFR.

It was a better week for fellow Canadian Rod Hay, of Wildwood, Alberta, who finished the competition in third in the world standings after 10 rounds of saddlebronc action.

He's an eight-time Canadian champion already, but before this year, he hadn't had much luck in Vegas.

It seems consistency pays off. Hay was one of only two cowboys to ride all of his horses to the eight-second whistle keep-

ing him in the gold buckle hunt.

At the end of 10 days, while he didn't squeeze his way into first hole, he did pocket \$75,586 in day money – the most he's ever made at the NFR.

"This is the best finals I've ever had," Hay said following final round action.

"It feels probably like the best I've rode here for ten days."

His NFR wins brought his season earnings to \$172,892.

"I don't feel that I'm anywhere near the end of my career."

ROD HAY
professional
saddlebronc rider

At the age of 37, Hay still feels competitive and is ready to hit the trail again next year.

"I don't feel that I'm anywhere near the end of my career," he said.

I feel like I've still got things to learn and how I can get better at doing what I'm doing."

Canadian cowgirl Lindsay Sears of Nanton, Alberta had a bit of a rough week, knocking down barrels, and ended the week in 14th place, but for her first ever NFR showing, taking home \$12,662 and bragging rights as the 12th best barrel racer in the world, she didn't do so bad.



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MEGAN COOPER

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Cooper said her biggest struggle was around the 23 mile mark, adding the last 3.2 miles seemed to take forever.

The winner of the marathon was from Russia and completed the course in two hours, 11 minutes and took home \$20,000.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party will take place at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Joyce Mullen.

Ladies please bring a sample of your Christmas baking.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

CPR Holiday Train will roll into town at 7:15 p.m. Performances by Wide Mouth Mason and Lisa Brokop to start at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is a non-perishable food item or cash donation to the Mountain View Food Bank.

Free hot chocolate and apple cider will be available in the train station starting at 6 p.m.

Burning barrels will be set up outside. Please note this year's event will take

place on the west side of the train station, unlike previous years.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Friends & Fun last meeting for 2006 is on Dec. 14. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and the best to you in the New Year! See you on Jan. 4, 2007.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

Blue Christmas sometimes it's hard to have a Merry Christmas. It may be the first Christmas without loved family members of friends who have died. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all of these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone.

We will gather for a Blue Christmas worship, 7 p.m. at Knox United Church in Didsbury.

Please invite family, friends, neighbours, co-workers or anyone else who might be nurtured by this time together. For more information, please contact Rev. Nancy Nourse 335-8373.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Join the Christmas Helpers gift wrap at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, starting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

Join the Christmas Helpers for their hamper day from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Z.E.M.C.

Delivery will take place at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

Didsbury & District Community Bus will be going to the Deerfoot Inn and Casino in Calgary. Bus leaves Didsbury Complex at 10 a.m. Please note the time. Please call Bea at 335-3058 or Gen at 335-3449.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

A Fresh Start. You are cordially invited to attend Carstairs Christian Women's Continental breakfast upstairs in the Carstairs arena on Gough Road, across from Hugh Sutherland School. Breakfast is at 9:30-11:30 a.m. Only \$5 per person.

Special feature: Healthy Living Technologies, special music: Kelly Berg and special speaker: to be announced. For reservations phone Vicky 335-3500 or Margie 335-3765. Reservations should be honoured, cancelled or used by a friend.

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It's also important to stick to regular eating and sleeping patterns—it will make sure you get the rest and energy you need to stay happy and healthy.

Gathering your family together for dinner everyday is a good idea too. Not only does it encourage a regular eating pattern, but it gives you a chance to talk to each other—about the good stuff and the not-so-good stuff.

In fact, simply talking to people can have a huge overall impact on your state of wellbeing. Especially if it gives you a chance to express how stressed out you might be feeling.

Setting aside some time for relaxation can make you feel a lot better too. What counts as relaxation? There's the obvious (and often expensive) stuff like the spa or a massage. But yoga is a popular and very effective form of relaxation as well. As is simply taking at least ten, deep full breaths every once in a while.

If you want to talk to someone about mental wellness, see your family doctor or call Access Mental Health at 943-1500. They can give you information about the wide variety of resources available to you in the Calgary Health Region.

This public information campaign was inspired by the Medical Officer of Health's report on the Health of the Region. The topics we have chosen come from that report and we feel the information we are sharing will have the most impact on the overall wellness of the people in the region.

Please join us in our mission to be a leader in health and your partner in care. To find out more, visit calgaryhealthregion.ca.

FIVE KEYS TO A HEALTHIER MIND:

- If you're feeling stressed, worried or anxious, talk about it.
- Do something active (walking, playing with your kids) at least a half-hour most days.
- Limit your consumption of alcohol to one or two drinks per day.
- Eat, go to bed and get up around the same time every day.
- Practice taking ten deep belly breaths, or try other forms of relaxation.



Staying active is one of the most powerful things you can do to keep a happy mind. Even walking counts.



Family dinners encourage regular eating patterns and provide an opportunity for everyone to express their feelings.



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CLEAN STREETS – Dawson Maller helps his mom Connie Conley clean the streets in front of the Didsbury Ag Society office.

Prairie Partners 4-H news

Another busy month is on its way for Prairie Partners 4-H club. The club put on a spectacular Christmas concert for the residents of Aspen Lodge. There was a small band performance and carols sung by club members. After the festivities the 4-H members had snacks and gave the residents some colourful poinsettias for their tables. On Dec. 2, the club had its family Christmas dinner followed by the month's meeting. Also, the members handed in their project books for their first marking. The Mountain View 4-H District baked 212.5 dozen cookies to donate to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. The Prairie Partners club won the cookie challenge with 46 dozen cookies baked. On Dec. 9, P.P. and East Didsbury 4-H will be going to have some Christmas fun at laser tag. Please remember that we are collecting Dectomax and Ivomac jugs (please rinse them

out), as well as used batteries. If there are any questions regarding the jugs or batteries, please call 335-4388. Finally, Prairie Partners 4-H would like to wish you a holly, jolly, Merry Christmas.

submitted by Tyrell Zimmerman



West Didsbury 4-H Club News

West Didsbury 4-H met on November 3 for weigh in at Westway Farms. It was a bit chilly but Mrs.

Hadway kept us warm with hot chocolate. After a delicious hot dog lunch, we had our club meeting to elect officers. Our president is Rebecca Scheidt; vice president, Will Hadway; secretary, Allison Goerzen; treasurer, Wade Goerzen.

Thanks to Mrs. Hadway and Mr. Arthurs for being our General Leaders again this year. Thank you also to the other parents who are helping.

Some of the upcoming events are the Christmas party on Dec. 9. We are going to play Laser Tag with the Prairie Partners 4-H club. We are doing a bottle drive on Jan. 5 and a judging workshop with Prairie Partners on Jan. 7 at Rasmussen's.

Our next meeting is Jan. 5 at Hadways following the bottle drive.

submitted by Mikaela Epp

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 335-8755.

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

"GO" is a Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program that offers services to pregnant women and teens. Staff are on site every second Thursday. 335-7292.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings now held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly!

Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

DIDSBURY ENVIRONMENT BOARD

Meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall.

Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 335-4270.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21

Has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.

Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Stecker at 335-4281.

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES

Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

DIDSBURY FIVE-0 SINGERS

50 years of age or over? You are invited to join Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury 5-0 Club 2500-15 Ave.

DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE Supper Meeting - 2nd Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 4th Thursdays. Call 335-4676 for info.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

HALL RENTALS

To Rent **Rosebud Hall**, please call 335-1969.

5-0 Club Hall Rentals. For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058.

To Rent **Didsbury Elks Hall**. Call Ray Vipond. 335-8082.

To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall**, contact Myrna Watt 335-3745.

To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall**, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 335-4190.

To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 335-8860.

The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 637-2270.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE Emergency Response System - Shirley 335-3787, Don 335-4676.

SHARE A LITTLE MAGIC, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Spend one hour a week with a child at school. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

MOUNTAINVIEW CHORALERS invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36thn

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Sharon Wadel 335-3481

ALANON: For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 556-5911, Reg 337-3762.

DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP For friends and families of people with Alzheimer Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge. 335-9848.

REDISCOVERED FASHIONS

Mountainview Christian Women's Continental Breakfast upstairs in the Carstairs Arena, on Gough Rd., across from Hugh Sutherland School Tuesday, Nov. 13, 9:30-11:30. Only \$5.00 per person. For reservations phone Vicky 335-3500 or Margie 335-3765.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital. 44thn

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Elks Hall Main St. 559-8801. 44thn

WANTING TO START an Over-eaters Anonymous, twelve-step group for compulsive over eating. Contact Frankie. 335-3633 45thn

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2006

Thurs., Dec. 14 - Christmas Festival of Music at Rocky Mountain House. Bus leaves complex at 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$30.00. Money in as soon as possible - and definitely by Nov. 15, 2006. Book your reservation early - as bus fills up quickly. Supper - your cost.

Wed, Dec. 27 - Casino in Calgary. Bus leaves complex at 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$10.00.

For any or all of the above trips please call: Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

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WEST ZION MENNONITE CHURCH is having their Children's Christmas Pageant on Dec. 17 at 10:30 am. You are welcome to come celebrate Jesus' birth with us. 49-50

EVERYONE is invited to a Christmas Eve Service, held at West Zion Mennonite Church on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. 50-51

CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY Snowflake Lane Dec. 1 - Jan. 1, 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. daily. 2 miles south on 23rd St. 1 mile west on Westcott Rd. 1/2 mile south on RR 2.1. Drive through or you miss alot. 50-51

ROSEBUD LADIES COFFEE PARTY Wednesday, Dec. 13, 9:30 am at the home of Joyce Mullen. Ladies please bring a sample of your Christmas baking. All ladies are welcome to attend. 50

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100. Obituaries 100. Obituaries



GOODING

On Friday, November 24, 2006 Art passed away peacefully in Didsbury at the age of 86 years. He was in the Air Force during WWII in 1940 and was a lifetime member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was a pioneer of the hail suppression movement. Art farmed for many years east of Didsbury. He will be sadly missed by his wife Shirley; step-children Jim Tittsworth, Judi (Fred) Gibson, Debbie (Brian) Mori, Karen Kruger; 5 step-grandchildren; one brother Doug (Jean); sister-in-law Ethel as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Audrey, brother Eric and nephews Ron and Warren. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, Didsbury with Reverend Carol Armstrong officiating. Interment followed in the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Alberta Lung Association. As a tribute to Arthur Gooding, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

BRAUN

On December 2, 2006 Vivien Braun (Eggs) passed away in Olds at the age of 77 years. She is survived by her children: Don (Pat) Braun of Olds, Sandy (Ken) Machell of Red Deer, and Brian (Joanne) Braun of Didsbury. She is also survived by her grandchildren Rosemarie and Sarah Braun, Amanda and Bryan Machell, and 2 step-grandchildren Colin and Darcy Jorsvick. She is survived by other family members including brother Art Eggs & family, brother Ken (Dorothy) Eggs and family, sister Muriel (Bill) Wigley and family, and sister Kathleen Eggs, and many other extended family members. She was predeceased by her husband, Harold Braun in 1991 and grandson Edward Braun in 1998. Vivien was born September 17, 1929 to Vivian (Bill) and Ada Eggs of RR2, Olds. She attended Zella school for her school years. After marrying Harold Braun in 1955, they settled on the old Chandler farm at Zella and raised 3 children. Vivien was very community minded. Some of the many things she was involved in were: 4-H (contributed over 26 years of service) and the Zella community association (served as secretary/treasurer for 17 years). Farming was Vivien's life. She enjoyed gardening, canning, milking cows, etc. and she especially had a knack for raising many different types of poultry. Vivien was a very generous person to everyone and always offered a hand up to anyone who needed help and she will be remembered by many for this. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday Dec. 9, 2006 at the Westdale Hall (west of Olds on Highway 27 to #766, then south approx 4 miles) at 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are gratefully accepted to the Alberta Children's Hospital, 2888 Shaganappi Trail NW, Calgary, AB T3B 6A8 or the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, RRI, Westrose, AB, T0C 2Y0 c/o Bruce Banks.

BOULAY

The family of Peter Boulay wish to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the care and concern shown to them with the sudden passing of Peter. A special thank you is directed to the Didsbury RCMP—Constable Keith Johnston, Chinook Arch Victims Assistance—Mary-Ann & Sharon, the staff of Personal Alternative Funeral Services, as well as employers, staff and many friends that have expressed their condolences to the Boulay and Kinswater families.

110. In Memoriam 110. In Memoriam

Christiansen

In Loving Memory of my Dear Grandson
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who passed away December 15, 1991



We who loved you sadly miss you
As it dawns another year
In our lonely hearts of thinking
Thoughts of you are always near.
Forever in my heart
Love you always, Grandma Milne

130. Coming Events 1005. Help Wanted

BRIDAL SHOWER, for Liza Quantz, daughter of Gordon and Shari Quantz of Didsbury and bride-elect of Jared Stinson of Mishawaka, IN. On Saturday, Dec. 30 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Zion EM Church fireside room in Didsbury, they are registered at the Bay. All ladies are invited to attend.

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140. Births 140. Births



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1020. Office/Clerical

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5003. Real Estate Misc.

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